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SUBJECT: WALLACH'S STORIES ON U.S.-PEKING-TAIWAN - NO. 22

1. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT OF THE SEVEN HEARST PAPERS, THREE CARRIED THE WALLACH STORY WHICH WAS CABLED TO THE SECRETARY YESTERDAY; THEY ARE THE BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, AND THE SEATTLE NEWSPAPER. TWO OTHER HEARST NEWSPAPERS -- IN LOS ANGELES AND BALTIMORE -- DID NOT CARRY THE STORY, AND WE HAVE BEEN SO FAR UNABLE TO RAISE ANYBODY AT THE REMAINING PAPER, IN SAN ANTONIO.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH WALLACH THIS MORNING, I WAS TOLD HE WILL HAVE A SECOND STORY ON THIS SUBJECT IN SUNDAY'S PAPERS. THE BURDEN OF THIS ONE IS THAT, ACCORDING TO A TOP AIDE, THE PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD THIS YEAR WITH STEPS TOWARD NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH PEKING DESPITE THE RISKS THIS WOULD ENTAIL IN GETTING RATIFICATION OF THE
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PANAMA CANAL TREATY. THE STORY WILL ALSO SPEAK ABOUT A TRADE-OFF OF SENATE VOTES AS PART OF THE WHITE HOUSE STRATEGY. ACCORDING TO THIS, SENATE CONSERVATIVES WHO WOULD OTHERWISE OPPOSE THE TREATY MIGHT AGREE TO VOTE IN FAVOR IF THE PRESIDENT WERE WILLING TO DELAY NORMALIZATION WITH PEKING OR FIND SOME FORMULA THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO NORMALIZE WHILE MAINTAINING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN. SCHECHTER IS

AWARE OF THIS SECOND STORY. CHRISTOPHER

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